

Hey Y'all,

C. Liegh McInnis is one of the panelists and poetry presenters of the **African American Griot Conference** sponsored by the **University of Missouri-Columbus**, which will be held this weekend. Below is a complete list of the conference. And see y'all this Saturday night for **Mississippi Vibes** Open Mic at 7 All Arts Cafe.

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**The African-American Griot In The 21th Century --
A Conference & Festival**

November 8, 9, 10, 2001

Schedule of Events (all events at the Black Culture Center, unless otherwise noted)

Nov.8 -- Thursday

10 AM -- Conference registration

12 noon -- lunch

1 PM -- Welcomes & Press conference news conference featuring **Dr. Julius Thompson**, Director of Black Studies and co-chair of the Conference, with **Ahmos Zu-Bolton II**, Visiting Writer-in-Residence and co-chair, and festival/conference participants. Announcement of the creation of new Black Studies journal ***The African-American Griot***, to be published in 2002.

2 PM -- Keynote Address -- **Ishmael Reed** introduction of Mr. Reed by **Dr KC Morrison**

4 PM -- ***The Griot As Oral Historian***

Dr. Arvarh Strickland (moderator), **Dr. Robert Weems**, Ahmos Zu-Bolton II, **Dr Robert Williams**, **Dr Maryemma Graham**

dinner break

7 PM -- ***Women As Griots***

Dr Clenora Hudson-Weems (moderator), **Dr Mable Grimes**, **Dr Joann Banks-Wallace**, **Evelyn "Nanny" Davis**, **Dr April Langley**

8:30 PM -- ***The Griot As Genealogist***

Rev C. Taylor (moderator), **Dr Anthony Holland**, **Wynna Faye Elbert**, **Dr Julius Thompson**

Nov.9 -- Friday

10 AM -- ***The Hip-Hop Griot***

Dr Charles Nilon (moderator), **C. Liegh McInnis**, **Tony Medina**, **Billy J / Vizion**, **Semira Ajani**

12 noon -- lunch

2 PM -- ***The Griot As Seer*** (Poet & Visionary)

Dr. Christopher N. Okonkwo (moderator), **Askia M. Toure'**, **Eugene Redmond**, **Kalamu ya Salaam**

4 PM -- ***SpokenWord Festival***

Ahmos Zu-Bolton II, (MC), Askia M. Toure', Kalamu ya Salaam, Julius Thompson, Tony Medina, C. Liegh McInnis, Eugene Redmond, plus: Billy J/ Vizion, Kuma Washington, the Eugene Redmond Writers of East St Louis, **Abasi Baruti** of Lincoln University, and open mic

7 PM -- Conference Dinner -- **State Rep Betty Thompson**, speaker
introduction of Rep Thompson by **Dr Robert Williams**

Nov.10 -- Saturday

10 AM -- ***Story Hour*** (for little kids & grownup kids)

Storytelling for children of the community, with Master Storyteller **Deb Swanegan** (room 234/235, Brady Commons, MU)

3 PM -- ***Folk Art Reception*** (210 E. Burnam Rd./ 875-4583)

Featuring the Folk Art of **Evelyn Davis** with folk readings by **Semira Ajani**

9 PM

off-campus Speakeasy event/ Natural Mystic
for additional information call Dr Julius Thompson at 882-6229 or Ahmos
Zu-Bolton II at 882-8255